



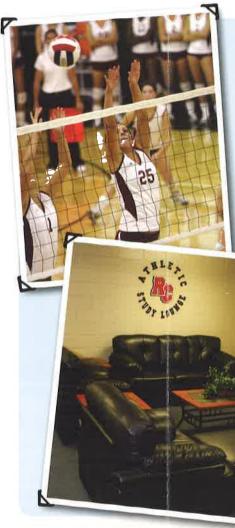
## Ben Muhitch

Rochester College is a unique academic community with so much to offer—a college environment that's small enough to afford students small class sizes with personal attention from their professors, but simultaneously equipped to offer serious academic experiences. A lot of colleges claim small class sizes and a "community feeling," but RC actually fits that bill to a tee, and that's why it's so easy for me to promote it to potential students.

I grew up in Peoria, Illinois and received my associate's from a local community college. About that time, my dad accepted a teaching position at Rochester College and moved my family to Michigan. I needed to finish my degree anyway, so I figured I'd give RC a try. I'm certainly glad I did! Here I found a caring community that wanted to not only help me succeed academically, but also to help me become a better and more well-rounded person overall. I graduated in May of 2007 with a BBA in management and human resources.

Now, two years later, my job is to introduce potential students to this community and help them decide if RC is the place for them. My Michigan territory includes most of Macomb and St. Clair counties, and then I also work the states of Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. If you're eager for more info about RC, please let me know. I'd be more then happy to share with you!

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# ie Spotlight

one of the many things we do with excellence. Our men's golf team recently won its first ever National Championship. They competed against a field of twelve teams at Penn State's (Big 10 Conference) golf course and were able to claim the USCAA National Championship. In addition, our volleyball and men's soccer teams both competed in the USCAA national tournaments this fall (results were not determined at the time of this printing; see rc.edu/athletics for latest news), and the women's soccer team finished in the top 10 of the USCAA nationally.

Our men's basketball team is coming off a 25-win season as national runners-up after losing in the national championship game to Talladega College. They will be playing in an NCAA Division I tournament this November with Samford, Kent State, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and University of Alabama-Birmingham of Conference USA. Other NCAA Division I opponents include the University of Toledo and Oakland University. Both the women's basketball and baseball teams look to improve from last season with great recruiting classes and the addition of freshman teams.

Our teams have competed in the USCAA for many years (schools across the country with less that 2000 enrollment), but in addition, we are making application to join the NAIA this spring. Upon approval, Rochester College will be in the NAIA during the fall of 2010 and will be eligible to compete for championships beginning in the fall of 2011.

### Support Facilities, Amenities & Improvements

Over the summer our athletic department received quite a face lift. To better serve our 200+ athletes we added a wet room (in our training room) with two whirlpools for injury treatment and rehab, a carpeted team room with new furniture and A/V equipment, remodeled men's and women's locker rooms, a new floor in the gymnasium and a new Athletic Study Lounge (ASL) designed specifically to assist our athletes academically. The ASL includes a computer lab and a study area that has been remodeled with new furniture and other amenities. We are doing more than ever to prepare our athletes for success, both physically and academically!

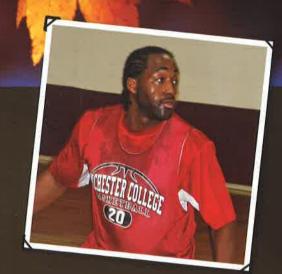
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## E Adrian Schaffer

Basketball camp directed me to Rochester College during summer breaks from school, although at the time becoming a part of the campus community never crossed my mind. God had a plan for me that I never imagined and it has turned out to be the best thing that's ever happened to me. I enrolled as a student in the fall of 2008 and this experience has answered all my prayers. God allowed me to go through growing pains and never gave up on me, and the proof is in the opportunities that I have been blessed to have at RC. Currently, I am a member of the men's basketball team and I serve as president of Della Phi Petey, a campus social club. I've become a better student and an even better person because of the practices of discipline, honesty and righteousness that Rochester College demands.

RC is in its own lane! The difference is the number of people willing to make your experience here meaningful. The faculty truly and genuinely care about making you a better person than you were when you came. The atmosphere is very supportive. I have learned to grasp every moment of opportunity here because you never know when it will come around again in your favor. Most importantly, what sets RC apart from other colleges and universities is that it challenges you to be who you are within. Attending RC can only benefit you! In life there will be many obstacles and hurdles to overcome, and being equipped with the tools that RC can give will take you to new heights. If you don't believe my words and are up for a challenge, come see what the fuss at Rochester College is all about!

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## Alumni Excelling

Former students make RC proud in the workplace



#### Amanda Passage, 2007 Associate with Lambert, Edwards and Associates, public relations firm

In her college experience, Amanda played volleyball for four years (as captain for two) and worked on the student-run newspaper, *The Shield*, in positions ranging from staff writer to section editor to Editor-In-Chief. She also served as a freelance writer for the alumni magazine *North Star*. Since graduating in 2007 with a degree in mass communication and business, Amanda has worked as an associate at Lambert, Edwards and Associates in Grand Rapids—a top-10 Midwest-based PR firm with more than 100 clients based in

20 states and five countries. "RC gave me an outlet to not only gain a higher education, but to do so in an environment that encouraged one-on-one attention. Because of this I was able to compile a portfolio from relevant class work and extracurricular obligations that most individuals rarely can achieve after spending years at their first job."

# Josh Graves, 2002 Preaching and Teaching Minister, Otter Creek Church, Nashville, Tennessee

While attending Rochester College Josh was involved at every turn: he played on the varsity basketball team, wrote for *The Shield*, served as an ARA, and interned in the campus ministry office, all while obtaining a major in history with a minor in religion. After graduation Josh attended seminary, became a minister, and even served his alma mater as a professor for a few semesters. He also gained recognition nationwide as a talented event speaker. Josh currently serves as the preaching and teaching minister for the Otter Creek Church in Nashville, Tennessee. "My time at Rochester



College prepared me for seminary, a doctorate degree in postmodern culture studies, writing—I've just published my first book, *The Feast*—and leading in the local church context. David Fleer, Garth Pleasant, David Greer, Greg Stevenson and many others shaped me inside and outside the classroom in ways I am still understanding."